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Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65c; hake, 65c; pollock, 60c.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Colin C. Nickerson, one of the dory handlining fleet of this port, was at Louisburg, C. B., on Wednesday and cleared again for the fishing grounds. She had on board 50,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Good Luck was at Louisburg, C. B., on Wednesday and cleared.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan was at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday and cleared.

Schs. Patriot and Tattler sailed from Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Sch. John B. Norris, Frenchborough for this port, with cured fish, was at Portland, Thursday.

Sch. Essex of this port was at St. John's, N. F., last Saturday with 70,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 50,000 pounds of salt cod.

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CLOSE SEASON FOR MACKEREL.

Writer in Fishing Gazette Thinks None Should be Caught Before July 1.

Also Shows How Other Fisheries Are Being Depleted.

The Fishing Gazette, of New York, in its recent issue presents an article prepared by H. B. Joyce, now of Seattle, but formerly of Portland, Me., and Boston, Mass., on "Conservation of the Fisheries." The Gazette says: "It is written in accordance with his experience and observations of many years, and it is believed embodies most of the principles necessary to consider in the important question of conservation."

The article deals with the mackerel, lobster, cod, haddock, porgy and salmon fisheries. It is taken that the writer is Capt. "Hans" B. Joyce, of steamer Novelty fame, one of the biggest killers of his day in the mackerel fishery and who introduced the steamer in the mackerel seining fishery and who later was one of the big halibut slayers of the Pacific coast.

If these premises be correct, as they seem to be, then surely Capt. Joyce, who in his day wielded the mackerel purse seine with such telling effect and whose mammoth fresh halibut catches in steamers on the Pacific coast are fresh in the minds of all, can speak from experience. It is interesting to note that he does not touch upon the latter fishery in his article.

Mr. Joyce's article says, in regard to the mackerel and cod and haddock fisheries:

First, consider the mackerel, once as abundant on the Atlantic coast as ever the salmon was on the Pacific coast, frequenting the bays and coasts of Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for two to six months of the year so numerous that fishing from the shore in small boats was a means of support for hundreds of families, and inhabitants of small towns supplemented their incomes and maintained their population by fitting out small vessels of 10 to 50 tons, hunted by means of chum bait, which attracted the mackerel, fed the hungry and effected the capture of such as bit at the baited hooks. Enemies, such as dogfish, sharks, etc., were also fed and detained in their pursuit, to the benefit of fish and fishermen, and the schools of fish no doubt recouped their numbers by breeding so that no diminution was noticeable up to the time fishing with the purse seine was fully adopted (1872) and hook and line fishermen became discouraged.

After this early fishing south of Rhode Island became common, and the fish were attacked upon their first appearance in schools on the coast soundings. As they journeyed to the spawning grounds from 200 to 300 purse seines were hung around these bunches of fish hundreds of times on the way north, most of the time successfully, because of the enormous quantities in some of the schools, until the fish would be frightened and de-

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tered from approaching the coast where the usual spawning places had been, and either cast their eggs in the open sea or sought some point farther away where conditions for perfect production were wanting.

This in the space of twenty years has caused such a reduction in the supply that fishermen, sharks, dogfish and other varieties of predatory enemies are driven to seek other foods. The dogfish now swarm the cod, haddock and halibut banks, to the dismay of all, and has become a subject of legislation, and bids fair to become an article of canned goods in the future, since they are very abundant, can be captured easily and cheaply, and no doubt are as clean as some other varieties of fish, the name being their greatest fault.

The remedy for the damage done to the supply of mackerel is easy to apply, and can be put into effect by concerted effort of all truly interested in a supply of fish food for the future. Put a stop to all fishing for mackerel on any coast before July 1 of each year. Secure an international agreement with Canada so as to prevent the netting and trapping of the fish along her coasts as well, and pension each fisherman, as is done in England by their R. N. R. system, to the extent of \$10 per month. In five years the increase would be very perceptible, as has been found by the former five years' close season, and in fifteen or twenty years a supply comparing favorably with that of old should be found.

"Cod and haddock are worthy of consideration, as they form a large item in the world's food supply and to some extent are of some value to the sportsman. Success seems to have attended government propagation, and the New England and possibly the New York and New Jersey coasts show signs of increase in the supply of these fish for market purposes. Unfortunately, they are not of a nature adapted to cannery needs, and have to be preserved by old-established usages which prevent their consumption as a food, except at very low prices. Much can be done, however, to improve the supply.

"Traps and seines at Labrador and Newfoundland capture millions of tiny codfish, which are cured, small as they are, for the Newfoundland fish trade killing two birds with one stone, by intercepting the growth of the codfish species and reducing the level of prices below the profit line.

"The prohibition of traps and seines in this fishery, and in any other fisheries where it causes wanton destruction of immature fish, is apparently the only remedy to apply, unless the setting of long trawls in places known to be breeding grounds were prohibited.

"Herring is also worthy of attention, because it is one of the greatest food fishes in importance, as well as for bait purposes. Its great fecundity has enabled it to maintain a comparative abundance in spite of the enormous amounts taken from the sea in many parts of the world. It would seem, however, to be worth while to prohibit fishing at some points known to be favorite spawning grounds, notably Magdalen Island, Canada, and some points on the coast of Maine.

"The depletion of the herring during the past forty years is very apparent to those who knew the great abundance on the fishing banks of the New England and Nova Scotia coasts, also the coasts of Newfoundland, which are affected by the destruction carried on at the Magdalen Islands during the spawning season."

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SAW NO MACKEREL.

Capt. Parsons Visited Georges, Southern Grounds and Maine Coast.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons, arrived this morning from a seining trip with no fish. Capt. Parsons reports having a good look on Georges to the southward and on the Maine coast, and he had not seen a mackerel since he has been out.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Yakima was at Canso, N. S., on Thursday.

Schs. Judique, Patrician and Pinta were at Hawkesbury, C. B., on Thursday.

Schs. Rob Roy and Mildred V. Nunan were at Canso, N. S., Friday.

Flitched Halibut Stock.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Hayes, weighed off 122,948 pounds of flitched halibut as the result of her recent northern trip, making the fine stock of \$10,195, the crew sharing \$258.14 each.

NOVA SCOTIA FISHERIES.

Doleful Outlook Seen By the Clark's Harbor Coast Guard.

The Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard, speaking editorially, has the following to say regarding the fishery outlook, as a whole, for this season, in Nova Scotia.

"The state of the Nova Scotia fisheries this season taken, as a whole, is such as to occasion some anxiety. A careful review of the situation, both as observed by the writer, and as reported from the more distant parts, points to the very unwelcome conclusion that our seaboard settlements are facing one of the lean years.

"The early trips to the far banks were successful as a rule but there is a noted shortage in the later fares and markets abroad are by no means the most promising. Receipts from the shore boats, sold best are away below last year's mark in quantity and price.

"The scarcity in netfish, except at a few points, is also one of the disheartening features. It is not yet too late for the fall run of mackerel, but if that should occur, even abundantly as last year, it will do nothing for the western districts. And so on through most of the side-branches. There is no denying the fact that an unusual stringency in this industry is approaching, unfortunately very little to be done, by the wisest counsel, to avert it. Nevertheless, the subject should occupy the first place in the deliberations of mercantile boards and the like.

"The local government can scarcely afford to be indifferent, during recess, as it may be eventually called on to consider the state of the province in this regard, as at late intervals in the past when the distress became acute. Although no such sharp misfortune is to be apprehended now, the outcome may be still more deplorable—the loss to the shore population by emigrating to the states or the Canadian west. Perhaps the latter is the more threatening. Already there are indications of it in the recruiting of crews for the Pacific fisheries and the alluring of farms and orchards in the western wilds.

"The St. John Telegraph strongly deprecates such attempts at enticing our people away, and we endorse every word of its protest. Let us do our utmost to retain the native population before spending money to domicile strangers among us."

Latest Newfoundland Fisheries Intelligence.

Birchy Cove—Fairly good trawl fishing in Middle Arm; squid plentiful.

Herring Neck—Heavy breeze recently; few boats out got one-half to two quintals.

Bonne Bay—Codfishery poor owing to weather being too stormy; squid plentiful.

Tilt Cove—Weather stormy; not much codfish catching.

Brigus—Cod very scarce; squid plentiful.

Burin—Squid plenty, one to two quintals codfish on trawls; wind west; moderate, dull.

Nipper's Harbor—Abundance of squid, codfish scarce.

Old Perlican—Squid and cod scarce.

Carbonear—Only few boats out, too stormy; one-half quintal each, bait scarce.

Pilley's Island—Codfish scarce, boats doing little; bait fairly plenty.

Heart's Content—No codfish, squid plentiful.

Harbor Grace—Codfish scarce, plenty squid.

King's Cove—Boats recently one-half to one and one-half quintals, plenty squid.

Sound Island—Plenty squid, no boats out, one schooner arrived from Cape St. Mary's with 130 quintals.

Belloram—It is gratifying to be able to report excellent trips of fish brought in by our bankers, all are arriving with from 500 to 1000 quintals and crews in good health, but the weather conditions are unfavorable for fish making. Several bankers are now taking supply of squid bait here, and will proceed to the Labrador for a fall trip.

Portland Fish News.

Sch. Fanny Hayden came in Friday night with about 7000 pounds of fresh fish and this was all that was received during the day. The market has been practically bare, but the dealers have been able to care for the orders received, which are usually not very heavy at the last of the week.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan came into port Friday to obtain ice and bait, preparatory to a trip to the banks.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing Arrivals.

Sept. 8—Sch. Eva June, 1750 qtls. cod; sch. Alma Nelson, 1000 qtls. fish; sch. Defender, 1700 qtls. fish; sch. Vivian Walters, 1600 qtls. fish; sch. Nicola, 1700 qtls. cod; sch. Lucania, 1900 qtls. cod, making 2500 qtls. for the season.

Sch. Maukato arrived at Park's Creek September 3 with 850 qtls. cod caught on Quero Bank by a crew of young men from 14 to 18 years old.

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PLENTY OF FISH AT BOSTON

Another Million Pounds Arrived at That Port.

Boston has all the fish the T wharf dealers want this morning. In the 27 trips in are cod, haddock, hake and pollock in goodly amounts, over a million pounds in all, the majority of the fares being over 40,000 pounds. The prices are low, but trade is reported brisk, and but few fish will go to the splitters.

There are three fares of swordfish in, and one of them, sch. Rose Standish, has an unusually big catch for this time of the year, 73 fish. The craft fished to the eastward, and in some of the fish the crew found squid. These latter they took and used for bait, and with the handlines actually caught 10,000 pounds of codfish. Some of the market boats that fished on Georges also had from 2 to 14 swordfish.

Of the groundfish fares, sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin Welch, has the largest trip, 100,000 pounds of haddock and cod. Schs. Mary A. Whalen, Richard J. Nunan, Belbina P. Domingoes, Edith Silveira, Flora J. Sears, Sadie M. Nunan and Clara G. Silva also have fine fares.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Steamer Spray, 38,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Louise R. Silva, 8000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Yankee, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Matchless, 6000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 16,000 pollock.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 7000 haddock, 33,000 cod.
Sch. Lucania, 40,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Viking 2000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 18,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Matiana, 30,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 45,000 hake.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 30,000 haddock, 60,000 cod.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 20,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 30,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 4 swordfish.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1500 haddock, 100 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 10,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 2 swordfish.
Sch. Athena, 23,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Motor, 35 swordfish.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 32 swordfish.
Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock, 6 swordfish.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 20,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 2 swordfish.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 16,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 6000 pollock, 8 swordfish.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 20,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 5000 pollock, 14 swordfish.
Sch. Eva Avina, 500 haddock, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 73 swordfish, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.60 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.60 to \$1.75; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Jefferson Nichols of Butler, Mo., whose house was inundated by a flood in the Cynges river, caught a bushel of fish in his dining room, where they were carried by the rising waters.

While gathering lilies from a row-boat on a pond at Winsted, Conn. Miss Mary Valley of Milerton, N. Y., lost a ring set with three opals. William McAuliffe, while fishing in the same waters a few days afterwards, caught a bass, and found the ring lodged in the fish's throat.

Fisheries products valued at \$1,685,680, exclusive of \$584,278 worth of oysters taken up by Connecticut oystermen were secured in the state of Rhode Island in the year ending Dec. 31, 1908, according to the preliminary report issued by E. Dana Durand, director of the bureau of the census, department of commerce and

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labor, just announced. The statistics shown in this report are confined to the fishing industry proper and do not include canneries or wholesale fish dealers.

In the final report, which will shortly be forthcoming, an analysis of the totals and statistics of other phases of the industry will be included. The report shows that there are 565 independent fishermen in Rhode Island, as contrasted to 805 wage earning fishermen, a fact of interest in view of the recent and present disputes concerning the rights of the independent fishermen of the commonwealth.

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MILLION POUNDS OF FISH.

Many Trips of Salt and Fresh Cod at This Port.

The fine landings of codfish which have marked the arrivals at this port for the past month still continue and this morning there are many big trips in, all the crafts being from Western bank and Quero bank, the receipts aggregating over a million pounds of cod, salt and fresh.

The banner trip is that of sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D. Goodwin, home from a dory handline trip to Quero bank, with a catch which is testing the carrying capacity of the vessel. She looked as deep as a sand barge as she worked up the harbor yesterday and it is safe to say that Capt. Goodwin has all of the 320,000 pounds he hails for and more too.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, came in yesterday from a shacking trip to Quero with a big fare, 45,000 lbs. salt cod and 125,000 lbs. of fresh cod, and sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, from the same kind of a voyage, has a whole load for his craft, 50,000 pounds of salt cod and 150,000 lbs. of fresh cod. Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, also from the eastward, shacking, has 90,000 lbs. of salt cod.

Four of the Rips or drift fleet, which have been fishing to the eastward are home, sch. Winnifred, Capt. Murray Larkin, having 100,000 pounds of salt cod, one of the largest fares in this line this season. Schs. Rebecca, Thomas Brundage and Galatea are the others and they have between 40,000 and 50,000 pounds each of salt cod. Besides the fishing craft in this morning, the receipts are still farther swelled by the arrival, from Maine ports of three vessels with cargoes of cured fish.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, one of the northern flitched halibut fleet came in during the night, being the third of the fleet to arrive thus far this season. She hails for 70,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 40,000 pounds of salt cod.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Quero Bank, 320,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Henry M. Stanley, Bacallieu Bank, 70,000 lbs. flitched halibut, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Quero Bank, 45,000 lbs. salt cod, 125,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Rebecca, eastern drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, eastern drifting, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Galatea, eastern drifting, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Quero Bank, 90,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. John B. Morris, Bass Harbor, Me., cured fish.
Sch. Sadie Kimball, Southwest Harbor, Me., cured fish.
Sch. S. L. Foster, Matinicus, Me., cured fish.
Sch. Romance, Quero Bank, 50,000 lbs. salt cod, 150,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Saladin, seining.
Sch. Winnifred, eastern drifting, 100,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, shacking.
Sch. Volant, Rips.
Sch. Florida, shore.
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, Boston.
Sch. Emerald, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore.
Sch. Little Fanny, shore.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, shore.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
Sloop Sarah, shore.
Sch. Esperanto, haddocking.
Sch. Dictator, halibuting.

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Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67½c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Banks halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts for gray.

Flitched halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.

Salt bullseyes, \$9.50 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed, \$30 per bbl.

Salt small mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

Small fresh mackerel, 9c each.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$2.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large \$3.75, medium \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large \$3.37½ per cwt., medium \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 70 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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FISH CAME LONG DISTANCE.

Had Hook in Jaw Similar to Those Used by French Bank Fishermen.

One of the crew of sch. Hortense, on the recent fresh fishing trip of the craft to Georges, hauled up on his trawl, a codfish, which had evidently travelled quite a distance. The fish was not like the large headed ones usually found on Georges, but was shortheaded, and in its jaw was caught a hook with a piece of line attached. The hook was not such as the shackers or market fishermen use, but resembled more the hooks used by the Portuguese and French trawlers on Quero Bank and Grand Bank. Evidently the fish had roamed far from his usual haunts after having been hooked and got clear.

SCH. BENJ. A. SMITH FLOATED.

Went Ashore Outside the Jetties at Nantucket Friday Night.

The gasoline auxiliary sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, which went ashore outside the jetties at Nantucket Friday night, was floated at high tide Saturday evening by the revenue cutter Acushnet and the tug Nottingham.

As the schooner went ashore on a sandy bottom and the weather was moderate with a smooth sea she sustained no injury and will continue on her fishing cruise.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Hake plenty; cod, haddock and herring fair.

Port La Tour—Herring fair.

Sand Point Herring, plenty; cod scarce.

Lockeport—Herring very plenty; cod scarce.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; few herring reported.

Spry Bay—Cod and herring fair.

Salmon River—Herring plenty; cod, haddock and mackerel fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Cod and herring fair.

Whitehead—Herring fair.

Queensport—Haddock fair; cod scarce; no herring.

West Arichat—Cod and herring fair.

Descousse—Mackerel reported hooking freely.

Louisburg—Cod and haddock plenty; herring scarce.

Main-a-Dieu—Cod fair; haddock, herring and halibut scarce.

Cheticamp—Cod, haddock and squid fair.

Mabou—Cod, hake, herring and squid, fair.

Port Hood—Herring fair; dogfish plenty.

Miminegash—Herring fair; cod and hake, scarce.

Grand Manan, North Channel—Hake very plenty.

Grand Manan—Big Duck Island—Herring reported in traps.

Escuminac Point—Cod and mackerel fair.

Gascons—Herring plenty; cod and squid fair.